

CITY OF HOUSTON
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE A GAME ROOM

Applicant: This application must be delivered in person to the Vice Division of the Houston Police Department, 1200 Travis Street

I _____ hereby make application to open a GAME ROOM in connection with
Print Name of Applicant

_____ At _____
Business Name Street Address ZIP code

In full compliance with the ordinance provisions of the City of Houston, cited below, regulating the conduct of such places and I hereby certify that I fully understand and agree that such permit may be revoked in the event this facility is not operated in due accord with said provisions.

Applicant's Signature
Tax Assessor – Collector
Houston, Texas

Driver's License or Identification

Telephone Number

I hereby certify that the applicant mentioned above be granted a license to operate a game room at said address as per ordinance cited below.

Approved by: _____
Signature of HPD Vice Squad Official Date Printed Name of HPD official

Article VI. Chapter 5-Division 2, City Code of Ordinance, Houston, Texas, 1968 GAME ROOMS

Sec. 5-171. LICENSE REQUIRED. It shall be unlawful to operate, use or maintain any room or places in the city where persons are permitted to play at any game or dominoes, cards or other games, and for the use of which, or privilege of playing therein or thereat, any money or its equivalent, or any check or counter in lieu of money shall be paid or received, or where memberships are sold for anything of value for the privilege of playing therein or thereat, without first securing a license therefore.

Sec. 5-172. LICENSE FEE. There shall be levied and collected from every person operating, maintaining or managing, or causing to be operated, maintained or managed, any room or place in the city for the purpose set out in Section 5-171 of this Code an offense, the Tax Assessor-Collector shall follow the procedures set forth in section 1-9 of this Code. (b) A license issued under this division shall be subject to revocation by the Tax Assessor-Collector pursuant to the applicable provisions of Sections 1-9 and 1-10 of this Code.

Sect. 5-173. GROUNDS FOR DENIAL, REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION. (A) The Tax Assessor-Collector shall forward each application received under this division to the Chief of Police for an investigation as to whether the applicant has been convicted of an applicable offense as specified in Section 1-10 of this Code. If it appears that the applicant has been convicted of such an offense, the Tax Assessor-Collector shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 1-9 of this Code. (b) A license issued under this division shall be subject to revocation by the Tax Assessor-Collector pursuant to the applicable provisions of Sections 1-9 and 1-10 of this Code.

Sec. 5-174. SAME-PAYMENT; RECEIPT CONSTITUTES LICENSE; APPROVAL OF CHIEF OF POLICE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF RECEIPT. The license fee provided for in Section 5-172 shall be paid to the Tax Assessor-Collector, who, upon receipt of such fee and subject to the following terms hereof, shall give a receipt therefore to the taxpayer in the name of the city, signed by the collector, which receipt shall be a license for the operation of the game rooms set out in this division until the thirty-first day of December of the year in which the license was issued.

Sec. 5-175. VIOLATIONS. Any person operating, using or maintaining ANY ROOM OR SPACE for which a license is required by this division without first paying the fee and securing a license therefore, or who operates, uses or maintains such place after the license therefore has been revoked, shall, upon conviction, be fined as provided in section 1-6 of this Code for each day that such room or place is so operated.

Sec. 5-176. EXEMPTIONS. This division shall not be construed to embrace bona fide fraternal organizations and lodges, social clubs or social gatherings in private residences for the sole purpose of sociability and amusement.

Sect. 5-177. EFFECT. Each license under this article must meet and comply with all requirements of law applicable to the premises or any activity conducted thereon and the issuance of a license under this article shall not excuse the license, his agents or employees or any patrons of such premises there-from.

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